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[REDACTED] that the Garfield Organization (C) is a political outgrowth of the Coordinating Council for Black Power (CCBP), which is a loose amalgamation of individuals and organizations actively supporting the "Black Power" philosophy. b1

[REDACTED] (C) [REDACTED] that the DMS exists (C) only in the minds of newspaper reports and, in fact, the organization in Chicago consists of approximately five members grouped around CRAWFORD. [REDACTED] the Deacons (C) obtain money for their personal needs from local merchants on the west side.

MEMBER OF SUSPECT ORGANIZATION

On March 14, 1967, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised b7C b7D that he and [REDACTED] fellow, on a continuing basis, activities of local civil rights groups in his area. To date, the name of [REDACTED] has not come to his attention. In respect to EDWARD L. "FATS" CRAWFORD, [REDACTED] stated that CRAWFORD had no organization whatsoever but merely associates with other individuals active in the CCBP. It was [REDACTED] opinion that CRAWFORD, along with other so-called members of the CCBP, could not "draw flies" but given an incident, could incite others to demonstrate.

[REDACTED] that EDWARD L. "FATS" CRAWFORD, self-proclaimed leader of the Chicago DMS,

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[REDACTED] planned to depart Chicago early on (c) b1 April 15, 1967. CRAWFORD hoped to have four or five supporters accompanying him to Mississippi. CRAWFORD's purpose is to meet with some twenty "Deacons" from Louisiana, and alert the citizens of Indianola, Mississippi, to the planned Voters Education Program.

[REDACTED] advised on April 17, 1967, that on April 16, 1967, a meeting of various Negro civil rights organizations was held at Indianola, Mississippi, for the purpose of encouraging Negro voters in Sunflower County, Mississippi, to register and vote for an all-Negro slate of candidates in the May 2, 1967, election. b7C b7D

[REDACTED] stated that attending this meeting were members of the DDJ from Chicago, Illinois, headed by EDWARD L. "FATS" CRAWFORD, as well as other individuals who provided security for persons attending this meeting. CRAWFORD and the others were stationed outside of the meeting place and there were no acts of violence in connection with this meeting, and that he saw no evidence of any weapons; however, those individuals who provided the security had two large German shepherd police dogs.

[REDACTED] that EDWARD L. (c) b1 "FATS" CRAWFORD, self-proclaimed leader of the DDJ, continues to maintain office space at 9 North Keeler, Chicago, Illinois. [REDACTED] CRAWFORD has between seven to twelve followers.

On May 9, 1967, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Chicago, observed four Negro males, all described as approximately 6'1" tall, between twenty-five to thirty years of age, departing in a dark, four-door sedan, bearing 1967 Illinois license [REDACTED] all were wearing a similar type of display button showing "Action Now" but other words were not distinguishable. b7C

These four men stood in front of a display window of an Army surplus store located on the southeast corner of Plymouth Court and Van Buren Street, apparently observing a rifle on display in the window. One of the men commented something to the effect that it looked like a good type of weapon.

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The four men entered the Army surplus store and were inside approximately five minutes. Upon leaving the store they did not appear to be carrying any packages.

[REDACTED] that the DDJ (c/ in Chicago, Illinois, was one of four groups which compiled the Coordinating Council for Black Power (CCBP). This is a loosely amalgamated council, well informed Black Power discussion group of militant civil rights organizations in the Chicago area.

[REDACTED] that the CCBP of (c/ which the DDJ in Chicago was a member, were sponsoring a program entitled "Operation Opportunity" and "Mississippi Misses Me."

[REDACTED] that the purpose of these (c/ programs were to obtain money, clothes, foodstuffs, and so forth to send to various counties in Mississippi, to aid the poor.

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On May 29, 1967, [REDACTED] advised that EDWARD "FATS" CRAWFORD, leader of the DDJ in the Chicago area, had announced that he was indefinitely postponing his planned demonstration march from Chicago, to Cicero, Illinois, on May 30, 1967.

[REDACTED] that the DDJ (C) headed by EDWARD L. "FATS" CRAWFORD, is presently located at 4012 West Roosevelt Road, and the DDJ has been inactive for the past month.

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stated that the purpose of his organization is to provide protection for Negroes which they otherwise cannot obtain from local law enforcement. He stated that he feels that this is the only way that Negroes can survive the acts of violence perpetrated upon them by whites.

stated that it is his opinion that no white man means the Negro any good and that this includes President JOHNSON and the late JOHN F. KENNEDY. He stated that in his opinion not only America but the whole world is ripe for a revolution by the black man and the other people of color and that he believes it will happen within the next five years.

He stated that he believes the coming Presidential election is nothing but a farce and that President JOHNSON will steal the election regardless of the way the people of the country vote.

advised that he classes the Russians with the American white man and believes that they both expound the same idea of racism.

indicated a friendlier attitude toward the Chinese and drew an analogy between their problems and the problems of the American Negro.

declined to discuss the structure and/or membership of the DDJ other than to say that the Regional Vice President is one EARNEST THOMAS of Jonesboro, Louisiana.

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[REDACTED] stated that incidents such as this have built within him an undying hate of the white man and everything he stands for and that is for this reason that he joined the DDJ. b7C b7D

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Boston, Massachusetts Chapter

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

[REDACTED] that an (c) b1 individual who identified himself as HENRY AUSTIN of the DDJ spoke at Boston, Massachusetts, in the latter part of January, 1961. AUSTIN claimed that he was going to attempt to organize the DDJ in the Boston area. He claimed that the policies of the United States supported the killing and segregation of Negroes in South Africa, and that the United States has attempted to brainwash the Negro in general.

[REDACTED] that AUSTIN claimed that (c) b1 the news media was responsible for creating fear in the minds of the citizens of the United States, in regards to the communist system of Government, and AUSTIN gave the crowd the impression that he was a supporter of the communist way of Government. At this meeting AUSTIN asked for donations to buy more bullets and to provide for bail money for the Deacons in the South.

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Houston, Texas Chapter

[REDACTED] that during (c) b1 a march conducted by the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) on March 10, 1967, at Houston, Texas, he observed a 1966 Ford Mustang automobile containing a Louisiana License. There was a sticker on the back of the vehicle which read "Deacons of Defense and Justice" in Spanish. This car was observed to stay near the marchers as if surveying the march and the vehicle contained several individuals.

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DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC. (DDJ)

A confidential source advised on September 5, 1967, the Deacons of Defense and Justice (DDJ) is a Negro organization formed at Jonesboro, Louisiana, in late 1964. In March of 1965, the organization was incorporated in the State of Louisiana as an organization active in Louisiana. No papers are known to have been filed with any other state although various chapters have been formed in localities outside of Louisiana. The original purpose of the organization was to provide protection for Negro marchers active in civil rights demonstrations and activities, particularly in Jonesboro, Louisiana. Other chapters were later formed, the most active of which has been at Bogalusa, Louisiana.

EARNEST THOMAS severed his connection with the Jonesboro Chapter and has since traveled extensively throughout the United States representing himself as the Northern Regional Vice President of the DDJ. He has set up chapters in Chicago and other major cities, all of which are independent chapters not chartered by the official DDJ headquarters in Jonesboro. THOMAS is considered militant in his thinking and expresses great hatred for the white race.

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REVOLUTIONARY ACTION MOVEMENT

On November 3, 1964, a source made available a document entitled "The Revolutionary Action Movement Manifesto," the document having been obtained by the source from an individual known to be a member of the Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM).

This document stated, in part, that RAM was officially organized in the Winter of 1963 by Afro-Americans who support the revolutionary objectives of Robert F. Williams, then residing in Cuba, and his concept of organized violence to achieve the liberation of the Afro-American people in the United States. This Manifesto disclosed that RAM had oriented its program to one of education and political revolution and the organization of a "black" political party with revolutionary objectives, having recognized the need for a "black revolution" that could and would seize power. RAM philosophy is described in this document as one of revolutionary nationalism; that is, one involving the struggles of the nonwhite races of the world against exploitation and enslavement by the white capitalist and imperialist nations.

Regarding Williams, it should be noted that on August 28, 1961, a Federal warrant was issued at Charlotte, North Carolina, charging him with Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution for the crime of kidnapping. Subsequent to the issuance of this warrant, Williams fled the United States to Cuba, where he published a monthly newsletter entitled "The Crusader" from Havana. As of December, 1963, Williams was residing in Peking, China.

This source, in September, 1964, advised RAM is dedicated to the overthrow of the capitalist system in the United States by violence, if necessary, and to its replacement by a socialistic system oriented toward the Chinese Communist interpretation of Marxism-Leninism. RAM is entirely nonwhite in membership, clandestine in nature, and owes its primary allegiance to the "Bandung World"; that is, the nonwhite races of the world rather than to any national entity, as such.

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REVOLUTIONARY ACTION MOVEMENT

On November 16, 1964, a second source advised he learned recently from a RAM member that the organization began in Detroit, Michigan, largely under the impetus of Don Freeman, described as the "Father" of RAM and referred to as RAM's "Black Stalin." Freeman served as RAM Chairman, with Maxwell Stanford (now of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania) serving as RAM Field Chairman.

On May 12, 1967, a third source advised that the RAM still remains active; however, there is no formal headquarters, as such, for the RAM. The source advised that Maxwell Stanford of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is considered the leader of RAM and if an RAM headquarters ever existed, it would most likely be where Stanford resides.

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STUDENT NON-VIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE
(SNCC)

A pamphlet distributed by the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) captioned "SNCC: Structure and Leadership" states in part as follows:

"The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee is not a membership organization, but rather an agency attempting to stimulate and foster the growth of local protest movements.

"The Coordinating Committee itself consists of representatives of protest groups which meet regularly to formulate strategy. The Committee elects an executive committee, which is responsible for employing staff and overseeing the general program.

"SNCC workers have organized and guided local protest movements which are fewer identified as SNCC projects. This is part of its program of developing, building, and strengthening indigenous leadership.

"This program has captured the imagination of students all over the country, and today more than 150 SNCC field secretaries are symbols of courage and dedication as they undertake the often tedious and tiring, and always dangerous work, in the most difficult areas of the South ..."

The December 3, 1964, issue of "The Atlanta Journal," a daily newspaper issued in Atlanta, Georgia, contained an article by Columnists Rowland Evans and Robert Novak captioned "Civil Rights: The Danger Ahead," which stated in part as follows:

"THE FIRST authentic revolutionary student movement in U. S. history is now trying to take over leadership of the Negro fight for equality."

The above article continued stating, "This new leadership, headed by young activists like James Foreman and Coretta Lewis of the Student Non-Violence Coordinating Committee ..."

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is now identifying itself with the leadership of the emerging new nations of Africa and other underdeveloped parts of the world."

This article also stated, "In September half a dozen left-wing activists, including Lewis, Foreman and Robert Moses, the on-the-scene leader in Mississippi, went to Guinea as guests of President Sekou Toure. The State Department knew they were going, but was completely by-passed and got no report despite two long sessions between the Negro leaders and President Sekou Toure himself. What worries responsible leaders of the civil rights movement is that SNCC will put into practice the revolutionary techniques of these emerging countries."

The above article stated further, "Whether and to what extent these new activists are Communist-infiltrated isn't wholly known. But it's significant that Moses was a speaker last week in New York at the annual dinner of the National Guardian, a publication widely regarded as the most flamboyant exponent of the Chinese Communist line in this country."

The April 4, 1965, issue of "The Washington Post" a daily newspaper issued in Washington, D. C., contained an article by Columnists Rowland Evans and Robert Novak captioned "Inside Report - A Long Look at SNCC," which set as follows:

"THE PRESENCE of Communist elements within the operations of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) is not really a case of diabolical Red infiltration. In the civil rights battle, SNCC simply has left the door open to all who want to enter.

"It would be a miracle if Communists had not attached themselves to SNCC. Instead, SNCC leaders make no secret of their refusal to bar Communists.

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"And because SNCC is the inspiration for so many idealistic young college students, this refusal to recognize the danger of Communist infiltration is tragic. By providing ammunition to the segregationists, it poses a long-range threat to the civil rights movement itself (as Communists almost wrecked U. S. labor a generation ago).

"EVER SINCE we first wrote of this danger, in August, 1963, we have been denounced by angry SNCC defenders challenging us to cite evidence. We do so now, but with these two caveats:

"First, extreme radicalism in SNCC is by no means solely or even principally due to Communist influences (for example, black racism is rising inside SNCC). Second, only an infinitesimal fraction of SNCC workers have Communist ties.

"But an infinitesimal fraction can be quite influential. Consider the fact that SNCC's legal arm, particularly in Mississippi voter registration, is virtually the same as the National Lawyers Guild, long-time follower of the Communist line. It was this legal advice that helped propel the Mississippi Freedom Party (a subsidiary of SNCC) to extremist positions at the 1964 Democratic Convention.

"Two Lawyers Guild members active in SNCC projects--Morton Stavis and Arthur Kinoy--are illustrative of many.

"Both have specialized in Communist clients (Kinoy participated in the defense of atom spies Julius and Ethel Rosenberg). Both have belonged to Communist fronts (stavis took the Fifth Amendment before Congress in regard to Communist Party membership). Both have been attorneys for the United Electrical, Radio, and Machine Workers (the notorious UE expelled from the CIO in 1950 because of Communist domination).

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"MOREOVER, there is a clear connection between SNCC, the UE, and an ultraleftist publication called the National Guardian (which currently spews out the Chinese Communist line).

"Copies of the National Guardian are standard equipment at SNCC field offices. SNCC leaders have signed testimonials praising the Guardian. The Guardian's general manager is Russell Nixon, former of the UE. At the UE national convention last September, the 'potentiality' of allying 'labor' and civil rights was discussed by Ella J. Baker, a prominent SNCC adviser.

"It was Miss Baker, a veteran leftist, who harangued neophyte Mississippi Negro leaders into refusing a good compromise at the 1964 Democratic Convention. She also helps link SNCC with the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF), where she has intimate ties. SCEF, impregnated with pro-Communists, has provided financial and personnel assistance to SNCC.

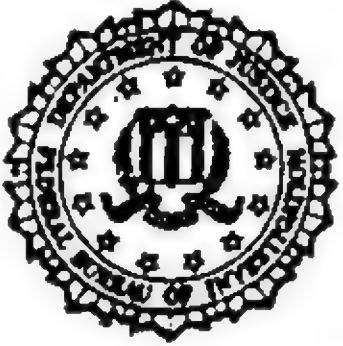
"MORE OMINOUS are the ties between SNCC and communist youth groups abroad. A SNCC representative named Reginald Robinson attended the Moscow World Youth Forum last September. SNCC workers plan to attend a Red-sponsored youth rally in Algeria this summer. And SNCC is seeking alliances with young radicals abroad.

"John Lewis, SNCC's national chairman, seems to be no Communist. But he is repeating the error of so many liberals of the past who believed they could use the Communists rather than be used."

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New Orleans, Louisiana

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November 27, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Title

DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.,
aka

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RACIAL MATTERS (ORGANIZATION)

Reference

New Orleans report of
SA [REDACTED] b7C
dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.

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1 - Mr. [redacted]hing
1 - Mr. Dasher
1 - Mr. Filton

SAC, New Orleans (157-3290)

12/15/67

Director, FBI

DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INCORPORATED
RACIAL MATTER (ORGANIZATION)

Rerep of SA [redacted] dated 11/27/67
captioned as above. b7C

The Bureau realizes that the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Incorporated (DDJ), claims to be defensive in nature and is often composed of a loosely knitted group of individuals with no organized activity. However, many of its leaders are active in racial matters and some of its members have been involved in incidents indicating a propensity for violence. For example, referenced report refers to a shooting incident and a brandishing of weapons incident at Fort Gibson and Woodville, Mississippi.

In view of the above and to insure that Bureau files contain information on the leaders and organizers of captioned organization and on its members who have a propensity for violence, all offices are instructed to review referenced report and their file in this matter and to then prepare and submit a letterhead memorandum (LHM) on these individuals under their individual caption using the character "Racial Matter (DDJ)." The LHM should include information in your files relative to the individual's background, affiliation and current status with the DDJ and other pertinent activity. In your cover letter you should recommend whether additional investigation of the individual is or is not warranted and your reasons for your recommendation. You need not submit a LHM on those individuals on whom you have already submitted a report or on whom you are currently conducting an investigation and a report will be sent. Handle promptly.

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4 Letter to SAC, New Orleans
5 RE: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INCORPORATED
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10 NOTE:

11 In referenced report New Orleans reported on the
12 sporadic and disjointed activities of this organization by
13 individuals who are members or purport to be members. This
14 letter is being directed to all offices to be receiving a copy of
15 referenced report and in which there is or has been EDD
16 activity in order to bring up-to-date the activities of
17 individual members to determine if additional investigation
18 of them is warranted.
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466) DATE: 12/21/67

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (157-1638) (RUC)

SUBJECT: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.
RM (ORGANIZATION)

Re Chicago letter to the Director dated 10/30/67
captioned "'The Deacons,' Information Concerning, RM."

On 12/19/67, the photograph of [REDACTED] was
exhibited to [REDACTED] by SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that the photograph was not identical
to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was a much
bigger man. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has not been to Chicago since the
time he met [REDACTED].

- 2 - Bureau (157-2466) (RM)
- 6 - Chicago (RM)
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- 2 - New Orleans (157-3290) (RM)
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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157- 2466

) DATE: December 18, 1967

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (157-1638)

SUBJECT: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.
RM(ORGANIZATION)SOG ACTION:
(Records Branch)☐ Post and des
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This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: 12/18/67

Reason for the delinquency: Unavailability of [REDACTED] b7C

Date the report or necessary communication will reach the Bureau:
12/29/67AEC zone designation; e. g., OR, CH, etc.:
(This applies only to 116 cases.)☒ No administrative action necessary.ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)

DATE: 12/20/67

SAC, CHICAGO (157-572) (RUC)

SUBJECT: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC. (DDJ)
RM (ORGANIZATION)
OO: New Orleans

Re Chicago airtel and LHM dated 11/7/67 entitled
"POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE, GARY, INDIANA, 11/7/67. RM; [REDACTED]
aka. RM; Chicago airtel and LHM dated 10/31/67 entitled
[REDACTED] RM; DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC. RM
(ORGANIZATION); New Orleans report of SA [REDACTED]
dated 11/27/67; and Bureau letter to New Orleans dated 12/15/67,
both captioned as above.

A review of Chicago file 157-572 captioned as above,
reflects Chicago DDJ Chapter inactive at this time. Only [REDACTED]
and [REDACTED] Chicago Chapter, [REDACTED] Chicago Chapter, have a
propensity for violence. Chicago has recommended by separate
communications that both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] be included on the
Rabble Rouser Index. Upon approval by the Bureau, summary reports
will be submitted regarding both individuals.

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Memorandum

TO :

SAC, Jackson (Your file 157-3465) DATE: 12/14/67

FROM :

Director, FBI (Bufile and Serial 157-2466)

Room No. 86-951

☐ Post in file
 (For SOG use only)

SUBJECT :

DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.

RM (ORGANIZATION)

OO: NEW ORLEANS

- ☐ 1. Bufiles indicate this case is delinquent. Give specific reason for delinquency.

☐ *Re Bufile To offices 12/15/67: Files being reviewed*

ready and letter will be submitted
Investigation up to date

- ☐ airtel ☒ letterhead memo ☐ submitted
- ☒ 2. DATE ☐ report ☐ letter ☐ 90-day progress letter ☒ will be submitted

Reporting employee

- ☐ 3. If valid reason exists for not submitting report at this time, state reason specifically and when report will be submitted

- ☒ 4. Status of ☐ Appeal ☐ Inquiry ☒ Investigation ☐ Prosecution
- ☐ airtel ☐ letterhead memo
- ☐ 5. Submit ☐ report ☐ letter ☐ 90-day progress letter

(Place reply hereon and return to Bureau to be receipt and acknowledgment on top serial in case file.)

DATE 8-6-80 BY SP1/SC/11

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Memorandum

DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)

DATE December 29, 1967

SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-300) (C)

DEACONS FOR DEFENSE AND JUSTICE (DDJ)
RACIAL MATTERS
(RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION)

Re Bureau airtel dated November 7, 1967, captioned
"H. RAP BROWN, SM - SNCC."

No information has been developed from Minneapolis
sources, [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] b7D
[REDACTED] that a chapter of the DDJ is
being formed in the Minneapolis area.

MATTHEW EUBANKS has been previously identified in
news articles as one of those inviting H. RAP BROWN to
Minneapolis in November, 1967, to assist in forming a chapter
of the DDJ, which appearance was cancelled. EUBANKS spoke
at a forum in Minneapolis on December 9, 1967, and described
the Black Power movement in Minneapolis as consisting of
from 30 to 40 people who are poorly organized and poorly
financed. However, he said this body is "firming up."
(Minneapolis airtel and letterhead memorandum dated
December 20, 1967, captioned "POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE,
MAJOR URBAN AREAS, RACIAL MATTERS")

The Minneapolis Office is placing its case on the
DDJ in a closed status. However, through the case captioned
"BLACK NATIONALIST MOVEMENT, IS - BN," Minneapolis is
closely following the attempt to develop a militant nationalistic
Negro movement in this area. Cases have been opened on each
individual identified as voicing support for such a
movement. A program is in effect to develop sources who will
be in a position to be aware of any formal organization which
may develop and the Bureau will be kept advised. Any
pertinent information will be submitted in a form suitable
for dissemination.

- 2-Bureau (RM)
- 2-New Orleans (157-3290) (RM)
- 3-Minneapolis
 - (1 - 157-169 BLACK NATIONALIST MOVEMENT)
 - (1 - [REDACTED] RACIAL INFORMANTS)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)

DATE: 1/2/68

SAC, HOUSTON (157-448)

SUBJECT: DECONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.
RM (ORGANIZATION)

Re NO rep SA [REDACTED], 11/27/67 and
Bulet, 12/15/67.

For the information of the Bureau, the Deacons of
Defense and Justice, Inc. (DDJ) not reported to be active in
the Houston Division and the only individual known to
formerly associated with the DDJ is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] who is currently on the
Rabble Rouser Index of the Houston Division and who is currently
reported to be in the Louisiana Division.

In view of the above, no LHM is being submitted by
the Houston Division.

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - New Orleans (Info) (RM)
- 2 - Houston

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Memorandum

DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)

DATE: 1/4/68

SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1263) (RUC)

SUBJECT: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INCORPORATED (DDJ)
Racial Matter (ORGANIZATION)

Reurlet to NO dated 12/15/67.

Review of instant file to Cincinnati shows that no individual in the territory has been identified as having membership or any activity in the DDJ. One source of the Cincinnati Division had contact with

[REDACTED] which contact produced the only information concerning DDJ in this territory appearing in the Cincinnati file.

2-Bureau (RM)

1-New Orleans (157-3290) (Info) (RM)

1-Cincinnati

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)

DATE: 1/9/68

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (157-1638) (RUC)

SUBJECT: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND
JUSTICE, INC.
RM(ORG)

Rebulet dated 12/15/67.

A review of captioned file failed to reflect any indication of any DDJ Chapter members or organizers in the Philadelphia area.

Since Philadelphia has no individuals falling in the catagories listed in rebulet, no LHM's are being submitted.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (157-490) (RUC)

SUBJECT: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC., aka.
RM (ORGANIZATION)

OO: NEW ORLEANS

DATE: 1/9/68

Re report of SA [REDACTED] 11/27/67, b7C
at New Orleans; and Bureau letter to New Orleans, 12/15/67.

Cleveland has reviewed referenced report on the Deacons of Defense and Justice (DDJ) but there was no mention of any DDJ activity in Cleveland's territory; also this report did not reflect that any Cleveland individuals were active in the DDJ.

In addition Cleveland reviewed its file on the DDJ and has contacted sources who are familiar with activities in the security - racial fields in the Cleveland area relative to the DDJ but neither Cleveland's file or these sources had any information indicating the DDJ was active in the Cleveland area or had a chapter here.

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- 2 - New Orleans (RM)
- 2 - Cleveland

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Memorandum

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI

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DATE: 1/26/68

FROM :

SAC, CHICAGO (157-2254) (P)

SUBJECT:

"THE DEACONS"
INFORMATION CONCERNING
RM

Re Philadelphia letter to the Bureau 12/21/67.

Contact with Chicago sources has been maintained and the date of last contact with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] was January 18, 1968. At that time neither source had any additional information to in any way identify [REDACTED].

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AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA. Will recontact [REDACTED] (protect) to ascertain if [REDACTED] is contemplating in the future coming to Chicago so that he could possibly identify places [REDACTED].

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CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will maintain contact with [REDACTED] and sources.

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- (2) - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Philadelphia (157-1638) (RM)
- 3 - Chicago
 - (1 - 157-2246)
 - (1 - 157-413)

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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DATE: 1/31/68

FROM : SAC, DETROIT (157-1042) (RUC)

SUBJECT: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INCORPORATED
RACIAL MATTER (ORGANIZATION)

Re Bureau letter to New Orleans, dated 12/15/67.

A review of Detroit files in this matter discloses no individuals residing in the Detroit Division who have been active in captioned organization.

In addition, during January, 1968, the following sources were contacted and advised that they knew of no individuals in the Detroit area who are members of captioned organization or for that matter, was there any information to indicate that captioned organization is active in this area.

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - New Orleans (157-3290) (RM)
- 1 - Detroit
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In the event any information comes to the attention of the Detroit Office concerning captioned organization, it will promptly be submitted to the Bureau and New Orleans.

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Date: 1/27/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-3465) (P)

DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND
 JUSTICE, INC., Aka.
 RM (ORGANIZATION)
 OO: NEW ORLEANS

Re letter from Bureau to New Orleans dated
 12/15/67.

Enclosed are eleven (11) copies of a LHM on
 captioned matter. One copy is being furnished USA,
 Jackson, Secret Service, and the Military Intelligence
 Group, Jackson. Enclosed for New Orleans are two copies.

Special Agents referred to in LHM are _____

and _____

LEADS:JACKSON DIVISIONAT NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI

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Upon the furnishing of _____
 _____, will conduct appropriate investigation re
 members and submit pertinent information to Bureau.

- 3 - Bureau (157-2466) (Encls. 11) (RM)
- 2 - New Orleans (157-3290) (Encls. 2) (RM)
- 2 - Jackson (157-3465)

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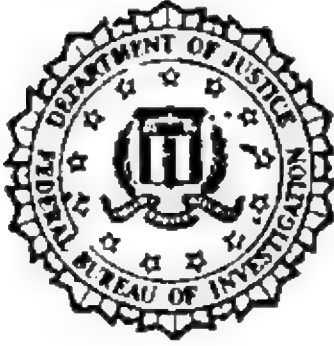
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Jackson, Mississippi.

January 27, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

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DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND
JUSTICE, INCORPORATED,
RACIAL MATTERS (ORGANIZATION)

[REDACTED] Special Agents of the (C)
Federal Bureau of Investigation that the purpose of the
Deacons of Defense and Justice in Mississippi is "to
protect the Negro people in general from being terrorized
by radical groups."

Source provided the following list of offices of
the Deacons of Defense and Justice in Mississippi:

State spokesman - James Stokes - Natchez, Mississippi;
State treasurer - MOSE WOODS - Natchez, Mississippi;
State secretary - Robert Scott - Natchez, Mississippi.

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The following are the officers in the Woodville
Branch of the Deacons of Defense and Justice:

President - William Ferguson - Woodville;
Vice-President - Herman Burkes - Woodville;
Spokesman - Edward Cane - Woodville.

[REDACTED] b1
[REDACTED] (C)

Source advised that all members of the Deacons of
Defense and Justice are carefully screened on the local
level and that no one with a propensity for violence is
admitted. He advised all members are "good Christians"
and "have good moral character."

Source advised that all members can be identified
by a membership card which he described as yellow in color,
four inches long, two inches wide. The card is as follows:

Membership Card

This is to certify that

Name _____

Address _____

is a member in good standing with the Deacons.
For Defense and Justice for the State of Mississippi.

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Source was asked about the following persons who
are believed to be members of a group called "Ubreakers"
and who are reportedly affiliated with Student Non-violent
Coordinating Committee (SNCC):

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10 JUSTICE, INCORPORATED

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12 Source advised that the Deacons of Defense and
13 Justice is not affiliated with any civil rights group
14 but that most of the deacons were also members of the
15 National Association for the Advancement of Colored
16 People.
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19 Source further advised that the deacons have
20 not been active in the past few months and that no
21 activity is planned for the near future.
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TO / : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)

DATE: 2/8/68

FROM SAC, BOSTON (157-387)(RUC)

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SUBJECT: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.
RACIAL MATTERS (ORGANIZATION)

Re Bureau letter to New Orleans 12/15/67.

Contact with sources familiar with racial activities in the greater Boston area has continually failed to develop any evidence of a branch of captioned organization in Boston.

has been found to furnish reliable information concerning individuals and organizations in the Boston area.

Information concerning [REDACTED] is found in Bureau file [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated in an interview that the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Inc. does not exist in Boston.

2 - Bureau (RM)
2 - New Orleans (157-3290) (RM)
1 - Boston

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[REDACTED] was recontacted on 2/5/68 and advised that he knows of no group or individuals in the greater Boston area who identify themselves with the Deacons of Defense and Justice. He recalled that the visits of CHARLES SIMS to the Boston area had been for the purpose of raising funds and that speaking appearances had been arranged for SIMS for the most part by the SWP and YSA. b7C b7D

[REDACTED] b7C

Racial sources contacted in 1/68 identified below are not aware of the existence of the Deacons of Defense and Justice in the greater Boston area:

[REDACTED] (c) b1

No letterhead memorandum is being submitted concerning [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] since these individuals are not known to be members of the Deacons of Defense and Justice. b7C

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Memorandum

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TO

DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/23/68

FROM

SAC, NEW YORK (157-1542) (EXC)

SUBJECT:

DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND
JUSTICE, INC.

RACIAL MATTER (ORGANIZATION)

(OO: NY)

ReBulet to New Orleans, dated 12/15/67.

A review of the files in the NYO fails to show that the NYO is office of origin on any individual who is a leader or who is active in the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Inc. (DDJ). The NYO files do not show any activity by the DDJ in the NY area.

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One copy is being sent to New Orleans for information purposes in view of the fact that they are office of origin.

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
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- 1 - New York

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TO

SAC, New Orleans(Your file 157-3290)DATE: 2/13/68

FROM

Director, FBI (Bufile and Serial 157-2466)Reporting No. 5360

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SUBJECT:

Reasons of Defense & Justice, Inc.
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- ☐ airtel ☐ letterhead memo ☐ submitted
- ☐ 2. DATE ☐ report ☐ letter ☐ 90-day progress letter ☐ will be submitted

Reporting employee _____

- ☐ 3. If valid reason exists for not submitting report at this time, state reason specifically and when report will be submitted _____

- ☒ 4. Status of ☐ Appeal ☐ Inquiry ☒ Investigation ☐ Prosecution
- ☐ airtel ☐ letterhead memo
- ☐ 5. Submit ☐ report ☐ letter ☐ 90-day progress letter by _____ (Date)

(Place reply hereon and return to Bureau. Note receipt and acknowledgment on top serial in case file.)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10052)

SUBJECT: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INCORPORATED
WEST FELICIANA PARISH, LOUISIANA
RM

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REASON - FCIM II, 1-2.4.2
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Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM regarding captioned matter.

LHM being furnished to OSI, NISO, MIG, Secret Service, and USA, New Orleans.

No further investigation regarding this matter being conducted.

New Orleans files contain no information identifiable with [REDACTED] b7C

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- 3 - New Orleans (2 - 157-10052)

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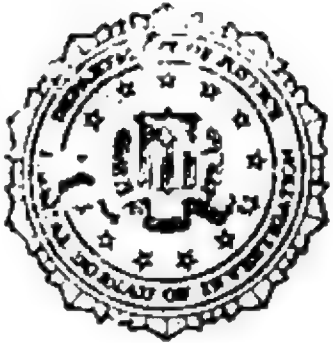
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
701 Loyola
New Orleans, Louisiana
February 27, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No.

DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INCORPORATED
WEST FELICIANA PARISH, LOUISIANA

On February 26, 1968, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Incorporated, had organized a group of young Negroes to picket a Red and White Store, St. Francisville, Louisiana. Two pickets are picketing in front of the store during business hours and are behaving in an orderly manner. The source advised that several days ago a white male, [REDACTED] attempted to run a pickup truck between the pickets and was arrested for interfering with the Negro pickets.

Confidential source further stated that [REDACTED], Louisiana State Police, Saint Francisville, Louisiana, during the weekend of February 24 and 25, 1968, had arrested approximately thirty-five Negroes on various traffic violations. Source stated that the amount of arrested Negroes appeared to be too high for a normal weekend and therefore he assumed that the troop was retaliated against Negro activity in West Feliciana Parish.

On February 26, 1968, the above information was made available to [REDACTED], Louisiana State Police, who stated that he would conduct an inquiry regarding the number of Negroes arrested in West Feliciana Parish by [REDACTED] and in the event it was excessive he would take appropriate action.

On February 27, 1968, [REDACTED] advised that the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Incorporated in West Feliciana Parish had organized a picketing of Red and White Store managed by [REDACTED] St. Francisville, Louisiana. He stated that the picketing has been orderly and that he anticipates no incidents. He advised that one [REDACTED], a white male, was arrested on a

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9 driving while intoxicated charge as he apparently attempted
10 to interfere with pickets by driving his pickup truck
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14 Leasons of Defense and Justice, Incorporated.
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A confidential source advised on September 5, 1967, the Deacons of Defense and Justice (DDJ) is a Negro organization formed at Jonesboro, Louisiana, in late 1964. In March of 1965, the organization was incorporated in the State of Louisiana as an organization active in Louisiana. No papers are known to have been filed with any other state, although various chapters have been formed in localities outside of Louisiana. The original purpose of the organization was to provide protection for Negro marchers active in civil rights demonstrations and activities, particularly in Jonesboro, Louisiana. Other chapters were later formed, the most active of which has been at Bogalusa, Louisiana.

Earnest Thomas severed his connection with the Jonesboro Chapter and has since traveled extensively throughout the United States representing himself as the Northern Regional Vice President of the DDJ. He has set up chapters in Chicago and other major cities, all of which are independent chapters not chartered by the official DDJ headquarters in Jonesboro. Thomas is considered militant in his thinking and expresses great hatred for the white race.

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AIRMAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-3290)

SUBJECT: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC. (DDJ)
RM (ORGANIZATION)

Re Bureau routing slip, 2/28/68, requesting status
of investigation per O-1 dated 2/23/68.

New Orleans has received no information concerning
activity of the DDJ in Louisiana since November, 1967. No
meetings of the Homer, Louisiana unit have been held. Although
meetings have been scheduled each month. Some activity of
the DDJ at Woodville, Mississippi, has been reported by the
Jackson Division and this was set forth by Jackson in a
letterhead memorandum to the Bureau, 1/27/68.

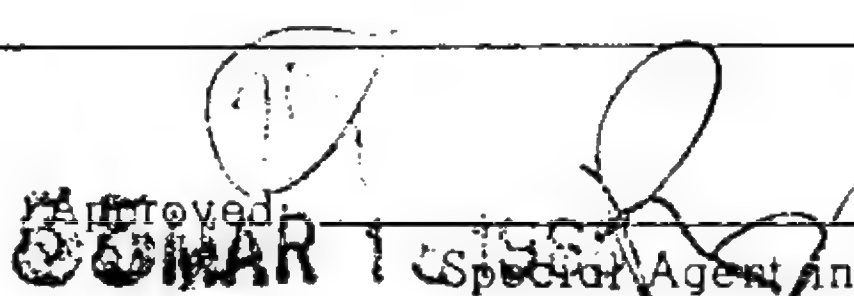
The Bureau will be kept advised of any developments
or activity of the DDJ in Louisiana. REC-104

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466) (105-174817)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO

SUBJECT: NATIONAL NEGRO RIFLE ASSOCIATION (NNRA)
RM - ORGANIZATION
CC: CHICAGO
Bureau file 105-174817
Chicago file 157-2330

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DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC. (DDJ)

RM

CC: NEW ORLEANS

New Orleans file 157-3290

Bureau file 157-2466

Chicago file 157-572

Re Bureau airtel to Chicago dated 2/8/68, captioned
"NATIONAL NEGRO RIFLE ASSOCIATION", and Chicago airtel and
LHM dated 2/1/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of a LHM
suitable for dissemination. One copy is being furnished
New Orleans Division for information.

A copy of this LHM is being disseminated locally
to the United States Attorney and Secret Service, both Chicago,
and Region 1, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

(5) - Bureau (Encl. 12) (RM)

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DATE FORM: 3/26/68

BY: [REDACTED]

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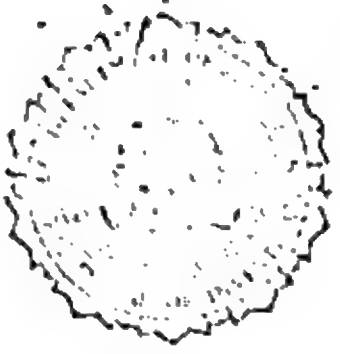
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[REDACTED] (C)

[REDACTED] was last contacted on 3/11/68, at which
time he advised that no information had been developed by
[REDACTED] sources regarding a membership list of
the NNRA.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois
March 2, 1968

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. CG 157-2330
CG 157-572

NATIONAL NEGRO RIFLE ASSOCIATION (NNRA)

DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE,
INCORPORATED (DDJ)

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S)
DATE 8/5/81

Reference is made to Chicago memorandum captioned,
"National Negro Rifle Association (NNRA) dated February 1,
1968.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable
information in the past, furnished the following information
on February 6 and 19, 1968:

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A characterization of the DDJ is attached as an
appendix hereto.

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RE: NATIONAL NEGRO RIFLE ASSOCIATION (NNRA.)
DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE,
INCORPORATED (DDJ)

On December 15, 1967, [REDACTED] reported
that [REDACTED] was a staff member of the Garfield
Organization, a Chicago west side community organization
concerned with stabilizing and improving the predominately
Negro area of the Garfield community.

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A copy of this memorandum is being furnished to
the following agencies:

United States Attorney
Chicago, Illinois

United States Secret Service
Chicago, Illinois

Region I, 113th MI Group
Evanston, Illinois.

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APPENDIX

DRACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.
Aka. Dracons for Defense and Justice, Inc.

The Articles of Incorporation of the Dracons of Defense and Justice (DDJ) as on file with the Secretary of State for the State of Louisiana, reflect that the Dracons of Defense and Justice, Inc., is a Louisiana corporation domiciled at Jonesboro, Louisiana. The location and business office address of its registered office shall be Amos Service Station (rear), Beach Spring Road, Drawer B., Jonesboro, Louisiana.

"This corporation is organized for the following purposes and to carry on the following purposes:

"To instruct, train, teach, and educate Citizens of the United States and especially minority groups in the fundamental principles of the republican form of government and our democratic way of life; to instruct, teach, train and educate said persons in the provisions of the constitution and laws of the United States and the State of Louisiana, as well as the constitution and laws of any other state wherein this corporation may operate; to instruct, teach, train and educate said persons in the use, value, and purpose of the ballot and the right to vote; to instruct, teach, train and educate said persons as to the duties and responsibilities of good citizenship relative to the obligation and duties of the community to the citizen, to further instruct, teach, train and educate said persons in the value of economic security and in the effective use of their spending power; to inspire in said persons a sense of responsibility and to develop leadership. This corporation has for its further purpose, and is dedicated to, the defense of the civil rights, property rights and personal rights of said people and will defend said rights by any and all honorable and legal means to the end that justice may be obtained. This corporation may establish chapters and conduct its business at any place in this State and elsewhere as permitted by law."

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Memorandum

TO: Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

DATE: 3/26/68

FROM: R. W. Smith *RS*

SUBJECT: MONOGRAPH ON
DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.
RESEARCH-SATELLITE MATTER

It is recommended that the current monograph assignment on Deacons of Defense and Justice, Inc. (DDJ), be discontinued.

DDJ, a black vigilante group, was formed in Jonesboro, Louisiana, ostensibly for defensive purposes in retaliation for Klan acts against Negroes. It had its beginning during a period of racial strife in the Summer of 1964 and was chartered by the State of Louisiana in June, 1965. It soon had a membership of several hundred, primarily in Louisiana.

DDJ has become relatively inactive and is now of little or no significance. Some of its members participate in civil rights activities. A few militant activists formerly affiliated with DDJ have become associated with leaders of other Negro groups, notably the Students Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the monograph assignment of the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Inc., be discontinued.

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- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
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- 1 - Mr. R. W. Smith
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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)

DATE: 3/25/68

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-2254) (P)

SUBJECT: "THE DEACONS"
INFORMATION CONCERNING
RM

Re Chicago letter to Bureau dated 3/26/68.

Contact has been maintained with Chicago racial sources and [REDACTED] the date of last contact being March 25, 1968. No additional information has been developed identifying [REDACTED].

Philadelphia should ascertain if [REDACTED] (protect) is planning on returning to Chicago to see if he can pinpoint locations [REDACTED].

Chicago will continue to maintain contact with [REDACTED].

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)

DATE: 3/29/68

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (157-1638)(RUC)

SUBJECT: "THE DEACONS"
INFORMATION CONCERNING
RM

Re Chicago letter to the Director dated 3/25/68.

On 3/29/68, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was contacted by SA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] stated that a review of his records reflected that [REDACTED] had made no trips (subsequent to the pertinent one) to Chicago prior to his reassignment.

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FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-3465) (P)

DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC., Aka.
RM (ORGANIZATION)
OO: NEW ORLEANS

Re Jackson airtel to Bureau dated 1/27/68.

Enclosed are 11 copies of an LHM on captioned
matter. One copy is being furnished to USA, Jackson;
Secret Service, Jackson; and MIGp, Jackson.Enclosed for New Orleans are two copies of
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BY: ABF/jef

Approved: 

Special Agent in Charge

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M. J. Bishop

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Jackson, Mississippi

March 26, 1968

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DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE,
INCORPORATED

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that the purpose, basic organizational structure, and membership of Deacons of Defense and Justice, Incorporated, in the State of Mississippi, remains the same. He reiterated the purpose of the Deacons as being "to protect the Negro people in general from being terrorized by radical groups."

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)

DATE: 4/8/68

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-2254) (C)

SUBJECT: "THE DEACONS"
INFORMATION CONCERNING
RM
OO: Chicago

Re Chicago letter to the Bureau, 3/25/68 and
Philadelphia letter to the Bureau, 3/29/68.

Since the receipt of referenced Philadelphia
letter, Racial Sources of the Chicago Office and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] were contacted and on the
basis of the non-specific information furnished by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] could not identify [REDACTED].

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Chicago sources having knowledge of the Deacons
of Defense and Justice, Inc., have all been alerted for
additional information regarding [REDACTED] and upon receipt
of further information, the Bureau will be promptly
advised.

In view of the above, this matter is being closed.

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Director, FBI (157-2466)

DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to the characterization
submitted by your office concerning captioned organization
dated May 29, 1968.

This characterization did not contain the identity
of source utilized. Please resubmit, pursuant to Part I,
page 65, of the Agent's Handbook.

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TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)

DATE: 6/24/68

FROM :

SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-3290)

SUBJECT:

DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.
(DDJ)
RM

Re Bureau letter, 6/20/68.

The identity of the [REDACTED] utilized was set forth on Page 1 of the cover letter, dated May 29, 1968. This letter was captioned, "Characterizations of Subversive Racial, Klan, White Hate and Militant Black Organizations" and enclosed in the letter were 13 current characterizations, including the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Inc., for Bureau approval.

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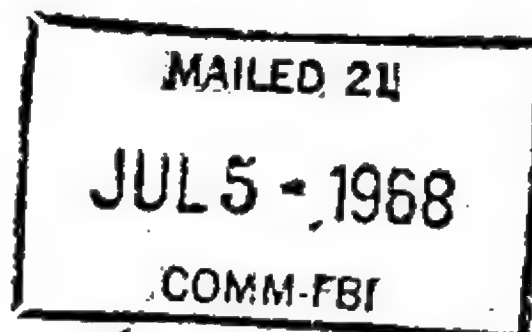
Part I, page 65, of the Agent's Handbook notes that in submitting copies of characterizations of organizations data concerning sources should be at the bottom of the same page as the characterization. This is necessary for administrative handling of these characterizations at the Bureau. Please resubmit.

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NOTE:

In response to your request to resubmit characterization, New Orleans noted a source for the characterization was contained in the cover letter submitting same.

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New Orleans, Louisiana
May 29, 1968

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DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC. (DDJ)

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Earnest Thomas severed his connection with the Jonesboro chapter and has since traveled extensively throughout the United States representing himself as the Northern Regional Vice President of the DDJ. He has set up chapters in Chicago and other major cities, all of which are independent chapters not chartered by the official DDJ headquarters in Jonesboro. Thomas is considered militant in his thinking and expresses great hatred for the white race.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)

DATE: 7/8/68

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-3290) (P)

SUBJECT: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Bulet, 7/5/68.

Enclosed for Bureau approval are an original and one copy of an up to date characterization for the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Inc.

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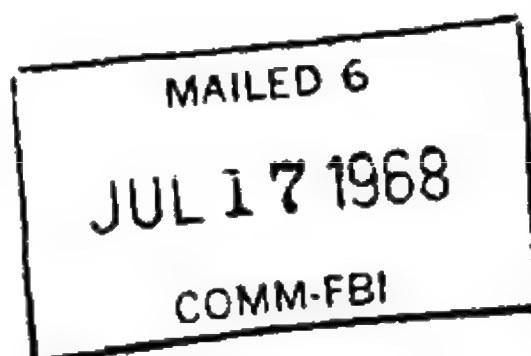
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MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)

DATE: 10 / 2 / 68

FROM : *RKA* SAC, JACKSON (157-3465) (C)

SUBJECT: DEACONS FOR DEFENSE AND JUSTICE,
INC., AKA
RM (ORGANIZATION)
OO: NO

Re Jackson airtel to Bureau, 3/26/68.

Enclosed are 11 copies of an LHM in captioned matter. Two copies are enclosed for New Orleans. One copy furnished USA, Jackson; one copy Secret Service, Jackson; and two copies, MIGp, Jackson.

AGENCY: ACSI, ~~PH~~, OSI; SEC. SER:

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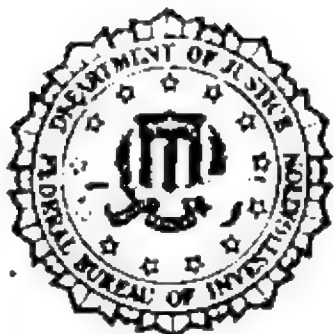
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Jackson, Mississippi

October 2, 1968

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DEACONS FOR DEFENSE AND JUSTICE,
INCORPORATED

Reference is made to Jackson memorandum dated
March 26, 1968.

[REDACTED] that the Deacons for Defense and
Justice in Adams and Wilkinson Counties, Mississippi, are
no longer active. Source advised that since the racial
disturbance in Natchez, Mississippi, June 2, 1968, that
there has been little racial tension and that the majority
of the members of the Deacons for Defense and Justice feel
they are no longer needed.

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

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Memorandum

DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)

DATE: 12/18/68

SAC, New Orleans (157-3290) (P)

SUBJECT:

DEACONS FOR DEFENSE
AND JUSTICE, INC. (DDJ)
RM - (ORGANIZATION)

Re New Orleans airtel to Bureau, dated 3/5/68.

There has been no pertinent activity of the DDJ in Louisiana since the date of referenced airtel. In the past, there have been two active chapters of the DDJ in Louisiana, one being at Bogalusa and the other at Homer. Information was received during March and April, 1968, that the DDJ might attempt to reorganize at Bogalusa, but this did not occur. Sources advised that the DDJ at Bogalusa and Homer are inactive.

The DDJ was organized at Jonesboro, Louisiana by EARNEST THOMAS; however, THOMAS currently resides in Los Angeles, California and there is no active organization at Jonesboro, Louisiana. Last information received from sources indicates that THOMAS' wife still resides at Jonesboro and that THOMAS has made several trips during June and July, 1968 to Jonesboro to visit with his family, but no information has been received that he has participated in any demonstrations and any DDJ activity while in Louisiana on these occasions.

THOMAS reportedly has traveled extensively throughout the United States representing himself as a northern regional vice president of the DDJ and has set up chapters in other cities all of which are independent and are not chartered by nor connected with the DDJ which was organized at Jonesboro Louisiana. In this respect, one chapter was organized at Chicago and another at Woodville, Mississippi.

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Information concerning activity of the DDJ at Chicago was furnished the Bureau in Chicago LHM, dated 3/12/68. Information concerning the DDJ at Woodville, Mississippi, which is now inactive, was furnished the Bureau in Jackson LHMs dated 3/26/68 and 10/2/68.

In view of the fact that the DDJ in Louisiana remains inactive at this time this matter is being carried in a pending inactive status by the New Orleans Division. Any information received that the DDJ has again become active will be furnished to the Bureau.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)

DATE: 6/16/69

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-3290) (P*)

SUBJECT: DEACONS FOR DEFENSE AND
JUSTICE, INC. (DDJ)
RM (ORGANIZATION)

Re New Orleans letter to Bureau, 12/13/68.

There has been no activity of the DDJ in La.,
since the date of referenced letter.

An inactive chapter of the DDJ currently exists
in Homer, La., and A. Z. YOUNG, President of the Bogalusa
Voters League, has indicated an interest in reorganizing
the DDJ at Bogalusa, La., but no action has been taken in this
regard.

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In view of the above, this matter will be con-
tinued in a P* status by the New Orleans Division and any
information indicating that the DDJ has become active in
this territory will be furnished to the Bureau.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)

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JUSTICE, INC. (DDJ)
RM (ORGANIZATION)

Re New Orleans letter to Bureau, 6/16/69.

There has been no activity of the DDJ in Louisiana since the date of referenced letter.

In view of the above, this matter will be continued in a pending inactive status by the New Orleans Division and any information indicating that the DDJ has become active in this territory will be furnished to the Bureau.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)

DATE: 2/16/70

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-3290) (P*)

SUBJECT: DEACONS FOR DEFENSE AND
JUSTICE, INC. (DDJ)
RM (ORGANIZATION)

Re New Orleans letter to Bureau, 2/17/70.

There has been no significant activity on the part
of the DDJ in Louisiana since the date of referenced letter.

During the past six months there was no indication
that the DDJ Unit in Bogalusa, La., was trying to reactivate,
but as of this date the Bogalusa Unit is completely inactive.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)

DATE: 2/16/72

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-3290) (P*)

SUBJECT: DEACONS FOR DEFENSE AND
JUSTICE, INC. (DDJ)
EM (ORGANIZATION)

Re New Orleans letter to Bureau, 2/16/71.

There has been no significant activity on the part of the DDJ in Louisiana since the date of referenced letter.

In view of the above, this matter will be continued in a pending inactive status by the New Orleans Office. Any information indicating that the DDJ has become active in this territory will be furnished to the Bureau.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-2466)

DATE: 7/14/72

FROM : SAC, New Orleans (157-3290) (C)

SUBJECT: DEACONS FOR DEFENSE
AND JUSTICE, INC. (DDJ)
EM (ORGANIZATION)

Re New Orleans letter to the Bureau, 2/16/72.

The DDJ continues to be completely inactive in Louisiana, and no activity is expected in the near future.

In the event of any future activity of the DDJ, the Bureau will be promptly advised; however, New Orleans is placing this case in a closed file at such time as the DDJ becomes active.

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